

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and provide our nation with the much-needed critical mineral antimony. Today, America relies on China and Russia to provide us with antimony. The Stibnite Gold Project could help us secure a domestic source of antimony.

After reviewing the SDEIS, the 2021 Modified Mine Plan appears to be the alternative that best minimizes adverse environmental impacts as required in the Forest Service's regulations. The company has very comprehensive mitigation measures to protect the natural habitat, wildlife and fish. As a private citizen, I appreciate that in addition to the lengthy NEPA review provided by the U.S. Forest Service the Stibnite Gold Project will also be required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including those governing financial assurance. This knowledge makes me feel comfortable supporting the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and encouraging you to move it forward. Perpetua Resources has proven they are listening to community feedback. The company has gone back to reduce the footprint, improve water quality, so there is no need for long-term treatment, and ensure water temperatures stay at or below current conditions.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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